

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 9, 2008

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20560-2006

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to strongly support Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Michigan as a result of heavy rainfall, flooding, and wind damage that occurred in the counties of Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, Ottawa, Saginaw, and Wexford during the period from June 6 to June 13.

As you may know, a series of thunderstorms occurred in waves across southern, central, and northern Lower Michigan beginning on June 6 affecting 20 counties. The initial series of storms occurred June 6-8 in west Lower Michigan and continued across the central part of Lower Michigan. While still reeling from the destruction of those storms, the state experienced a subsequent outbreak of storms that hit northwest Lower Michigan on June 12-13.

During these storms, Michigan experienced three confirmed tornadoes, straight-line winds in excess of 70 miles per hour, and more than 11 inches of rain in some areas. Six people were killed, homes have been destroyed, portions of Michigan's infrastructure have been devastated, and resources were exhausted.

The storms caused extensive flooding, erosion, and mountains of debris. The events destroyed roads, drains, municipal sewer systems, electrical infrastructure, and a power generation facility. Citizens were stranded and left without power for an extended period of time, some up to five days. Michigan citizens and public servants continue to work tirelessly to recover from these events, but state and local resources are depleted.

We hope positive consideration will be given to Governor Granholm's request. Timely federal assistance is important to help Michigan communities recover from these recent events.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important matter.

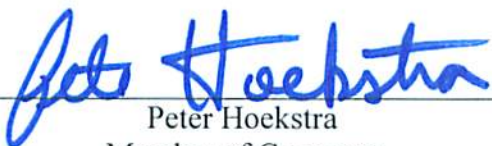
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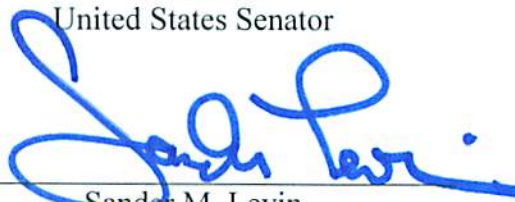
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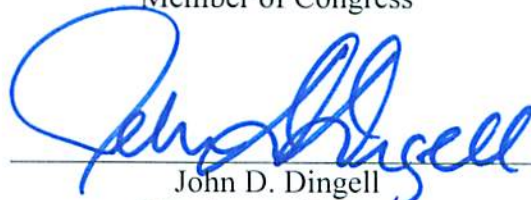
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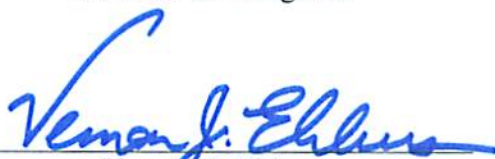
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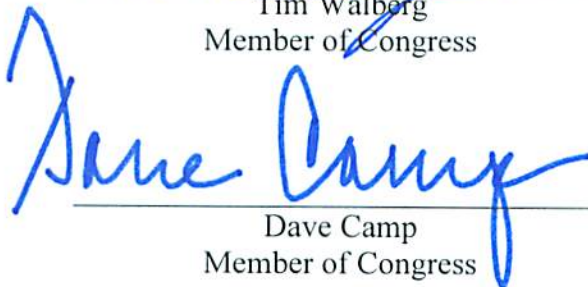
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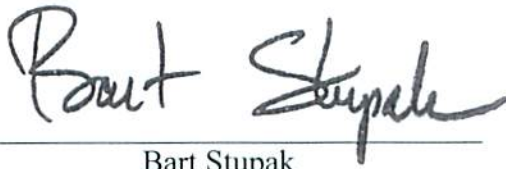
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